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Application No: 10/010,525	)	Examiner: Vu, Quang D.
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Filed: December 6, 2001	)	Art Unit: 2811
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For: DEVICE STRUCTURE AND	)	
METHOD FOR REDUCING	)	
SILICIDE ENCROACHMENT	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 and the Request for

Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith,

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this preliminary amendment and

consider the remarks prior to examination of the above referenced case

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE	770.00
XS 9 =		OR	XS18 =	
X43 =		OR	X86 =	
+145 =		OR	+290 =	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

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OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY OR SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 4	Minus	** 35	= 6
Independent	* 1	Minus	** 12	= 6
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9 =		OR	XS18 =	
X43 =		OR	X86 =	
+145 =		OR	+290 =	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus	**	-
Independent	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9 =		OR	XS18 =	
X43 =		OR	X86 =	
+145 =		OR	+290 =	
TOTAL ADDIT FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus	**	=
Independent	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X$ 9 =		OR	X$18 =	
X43 =		OR	X86 =	
+145 =		OR	+290 =	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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